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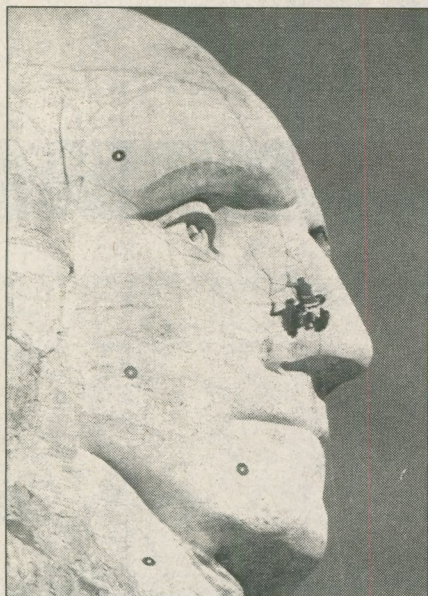
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Researcher studies
AIDS virus in effort to
find cure for AIDS.

New Fears, Hopes in Battle Against **AIDS**

See story on pages 4-5.



—AP/Wide World

Birthday Facelift For Mt. Rushmore

Freezing weather and rock movement have chipped away at the giant stone presidential faces on Mt. Rushmore.

Hundreds of faults and cracks have formed in the stone likenesses of the four U.S. Presidents—George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt.

Each of the faces is about 60 feet high, about the size of a five-story building. The faces, which gaze out

across South Dakota's Black Hills, are visited by about 2 million tourists each year.

Daredevil workers, trying to correct the damage done by nature, are patching and sealing each blemish in the granite faces. They want Mt. Rushmore's four presidential faces to look their best on the 50th anniversary of the national monument—July 4, 1991.

American sculptor Gutzon Borglum began work on the memorial in 1927. Over the next 14 years, workers cut the faces from Mt. Rushmore's granite cliff using drills and dynamite.

GRAMPA-COPS Help Kids in Florida

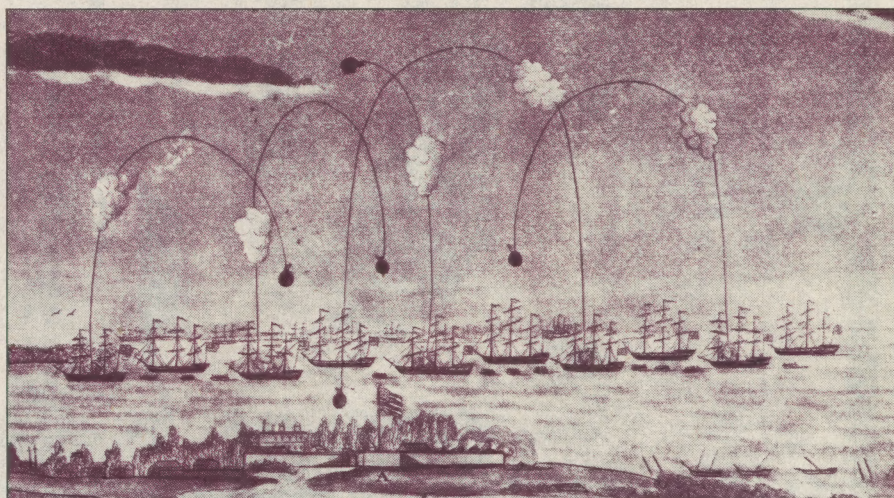
About 1,000 police officers from several states live in retirement in Ft. Myers, Fla. Many are content to fish or play golf. But a few have answered the call to join the war against drugs.

The retirees are members of the GRAMPA-COPS—a small group set up this month by the Ft. Myers Police Department to teach kids about drug abuse and to befriend kids in trouble.

"If we help only one or two kids with this GRAMPA program, it's worth it," says one retiree with a long career in the nation's battle against drugs.

Retirees must pass a physical exam and undergo two weeks of special training to join the group. Once accepted, they will work about 20 hours a week. They will be paid \$6 an hour.

Funds for this anti-drug group will come in part from the sale of boats, planes, and other property seized by police during drug busts in Florida.



—Culver Pictures, Inc.

Many in U.S. Dislike Anthem

Do you have trouble singing "The Star-Spangled Banner"?

If so, you have lots of company. In a recent poll, four of five Americans said they were unhappy about our anthem and would replace it with "America, the Beautiful".

Most people said our anthem was too difficult to sing. Some said its words were "too warlike." A few disliked it because its tune was borrowed from a 200-year-old drinking song.

Nearly 400,000 people voted in

the nationwide poll conducted by *Parade* magazine. Only 74,000 were loyal to "The Star-Spangled Banner". One person wrote: "Keep the Banner. It's still stirring and effective."

A bill now before Congress would actually replace our anthem with "America, the Beautiful".

DISCUSS: If you were a member of Congress, would you vote for or against making "America, the Beautiful" the national anthem? Explain your reasons.

Mother's Liver Lobe Saves Child's Life

Shortly before Christmas, a mother gave her baby daughter a very special gift—a part of herself.

Surgeons skillfully cut into the woman on the operating table. For the next several hours, the surgeon and his team at the University of Chicago Medical Center worked to remove the fist-sized left lobe of the *woman's liver*.

In a separate operation, surgeons removed the diseased liver of her 21-month-old daughter. Then they transplanted the mother's liver tissue into the child.

Many observing doctors watched as the surgeons made medical history. This was the first time liver tissue was transplanted in the United States from one living human being to another.

The mother is schoolteacher Teresa Smith of Schertz, Tex. She underwent the risky operation to save the life of her daughter Alyssa.

Little Alyssa was born with a liver that lacked bile ducts. More than 700 babies are born in the U.S. each year with liver disease. Many of those who need new livers die while waiting for a donor.

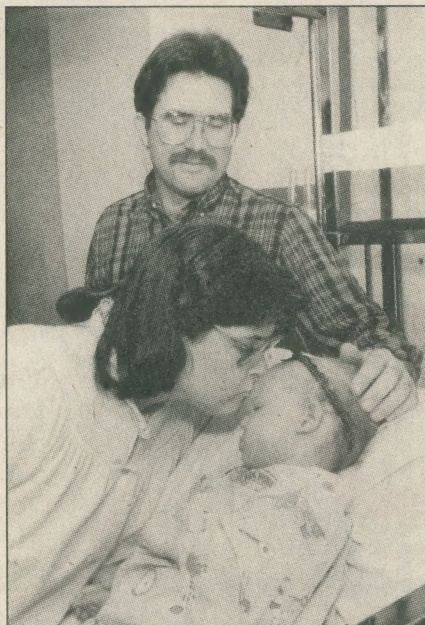
Liver Does Many Things

The liver is often referred to as the body's chemical plant. This, the body's largest gland, stores and processes food. It filters wastes and poisons from the blood. It manufactures some of the body's disease-fighting agents.

The gland also produces bile, which travels from the liver to the small intestine where it aids in the digestion of fats. If the duct is missing, as in Alyssa's case, the digestion and absorption of fats can't occur. The person soon dies.

Donations From The Dead

Most previous liver transplants for children have been taken from the bodies of small children who have died and whose parents have donated their child's liver. A few



John Smith watches as his wife Teresa kisses daughter Alyssa.

That is why parents are the best donors for their children.

Fortunately the liver has the power to grow and form new tissue. Doctors say that Mrs. Smith's liver should grow back to its normal size, probably in about three months. Alyssa's new liver tissue should grow as she grows up.

New Hope for Children

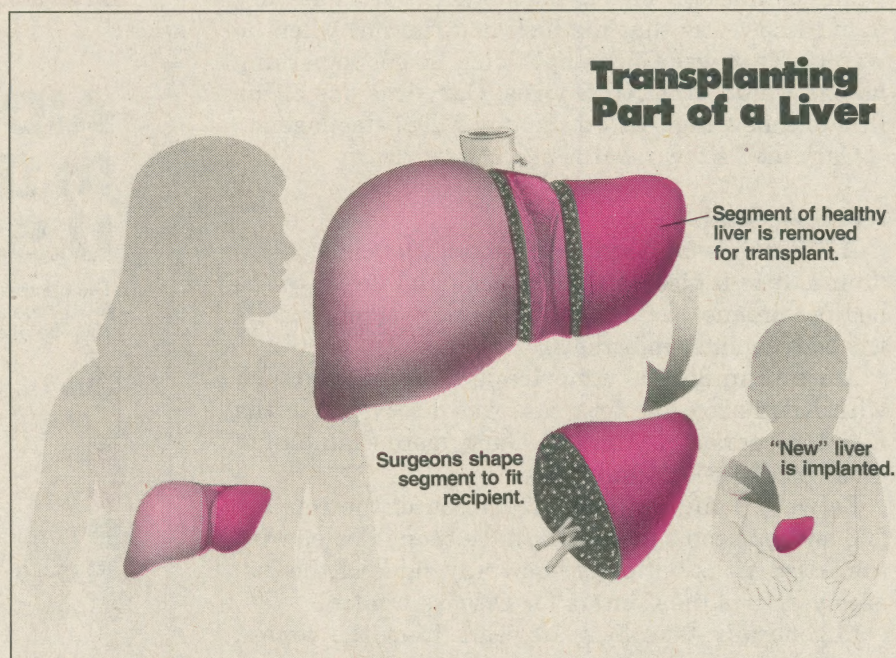
This surgery is the first major step in solving the problem of too few organs for transplanting into children, says Alyssa's surgeon.

But other doctors caution that the new procedure is experimental. It will take years to see how successful the procedure is, they say.

However, 11 days after Alyssa's operation, doctors at the same hospital transplanted a second liver from a live donor. Robert Jones, a 20-year-old father in Tennessee, donated part of his liver to save his 15-month-old daughter Sarina.

livers come from dead adults.

Finding liver tissue that a child's body will not fight is very difficult.



The left side of Mrs. Smith's liver was not removed in the transplant procedure. However, the right side of her liver was removed and was transplanted into her 21-month-old daughter. The transplant, which appears to have saved baby Alyssa's life, made medical history.

New Fears, Hopes in Battle Against AIDS



Vocabulary Words
transfusion—to transfer blood from one person to another
contracted—caught or acquired
deficiency—a shortage
virus—something that causes a disease

Dr. Michael Murphy-Corb leads research efforts at Tulane University Medical Center to find a vaccine against the AIDS virus.

—photo by B. Lankard/Gamma-Liaison

"Gary is . . . was a great guy," says a friend.

When Gary was 13, he was a good student who liked to party. He was very popular.

In high school and college, Gary kept his high grades and became an excellent athlete.

Gary seemed to have everything anyone could want. "I'm lucky," he told his mother. But what Gary didn't know was that his luck had run out when he was 13. That was Gary's age when he got something no one wants—the AIDS virus. Gary was one of the first of a new high-risk group for AIDS—teenagers.

Gary died a few months ago at age 22.

AIDS Is Fatal

AIDS stands for **Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome**. It is a disease that attacks and destroys the body's immune system. The immune system protects the body against infections.

More than 85,000 Americans have been struck with AIDS since the first case was discovered in the U.S. ten years ago. And like Gary, more than half of those 85,000 people have died.

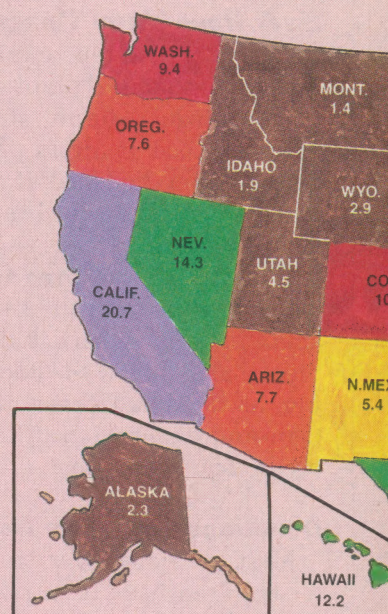
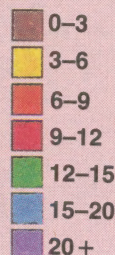
Between 1 million and 1.5 million of the roughly 230 million people in the U.S. have been infected with the AIDS virus but don't show any signs of the disease yet, says the Centers for Disease Control.

It generally takes 5 to 10 years from the time a person is first infected with the virus until the symptoms appear. However, a person can spread the AIDS virus to others shortly after he or she is infected. At present, it is expected that everyone infected with the

virus will eventually develop AIDS or AIDS-related symptoms, say doctors. Almost everyone with AIDS or AIDS-related symptoms dies, usually from an infection such as pneumonia or from a form of cancer.

AIDS In the U.S.

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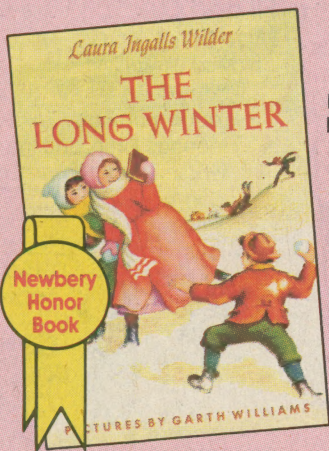
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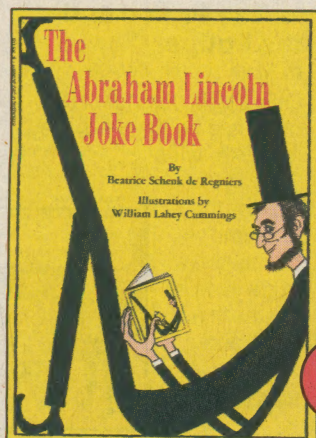
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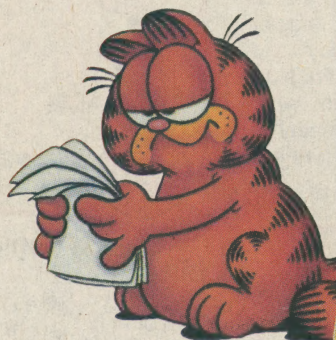
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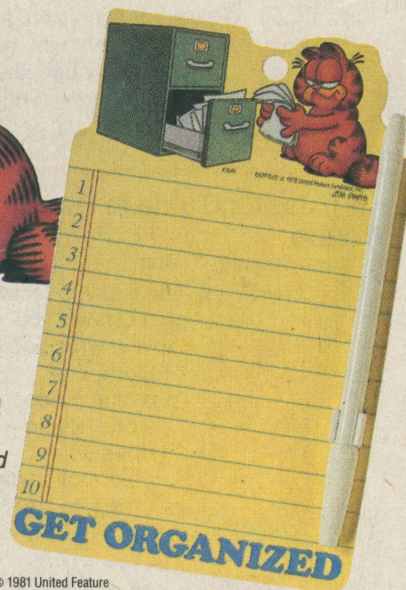
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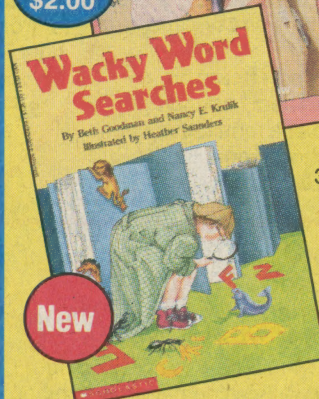
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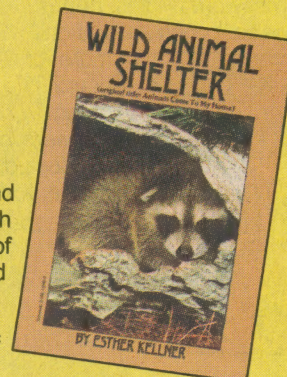
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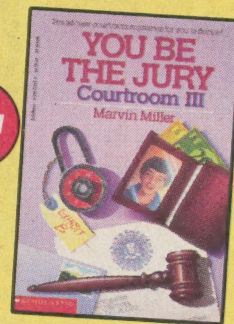
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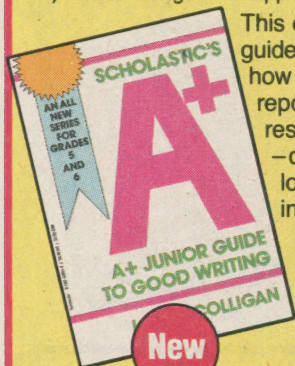
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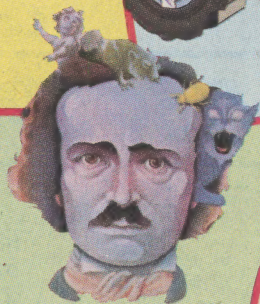


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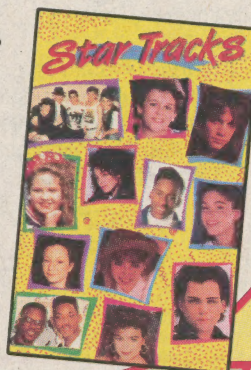


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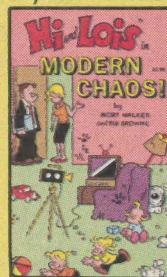
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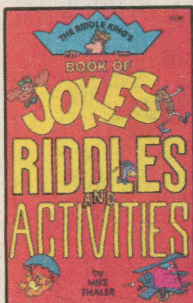
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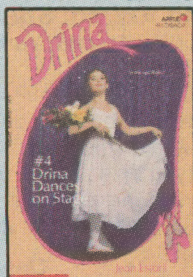
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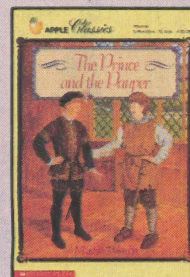


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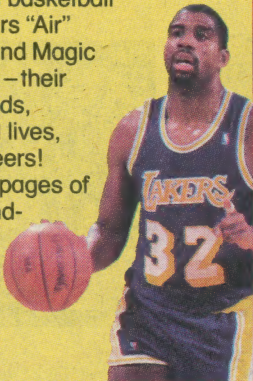
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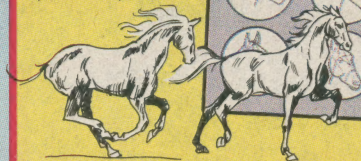
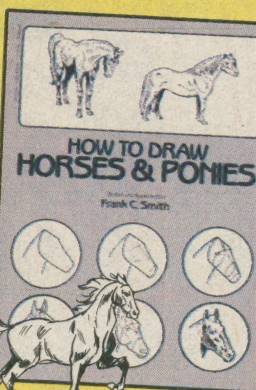


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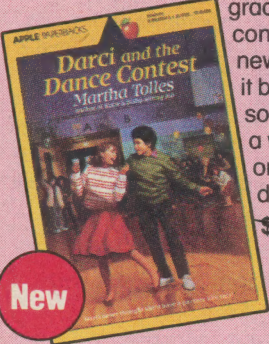
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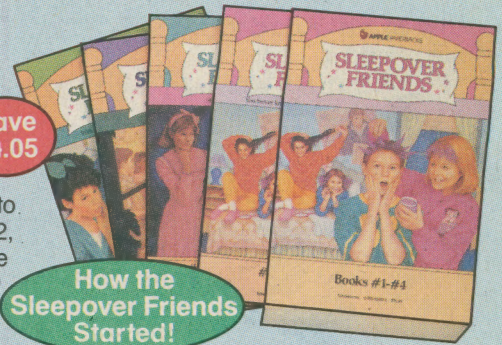
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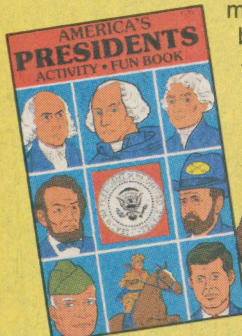
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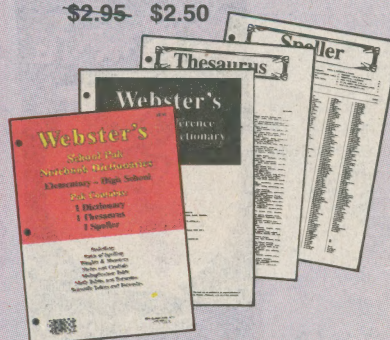
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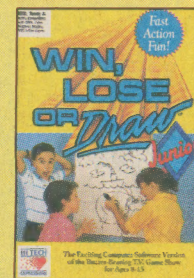
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- through sharing drug needles with infected people.

Additionally, some babies are born with the virus, contracted before birth from their infected mothers.

And in the past, a small number of people were infected with the AIDS virus by receiving a transfusion of infected blood. But today, all blood used by U.S. hospitals is inspected and is safe, say officials.

'Alarming Growth' Among Teens

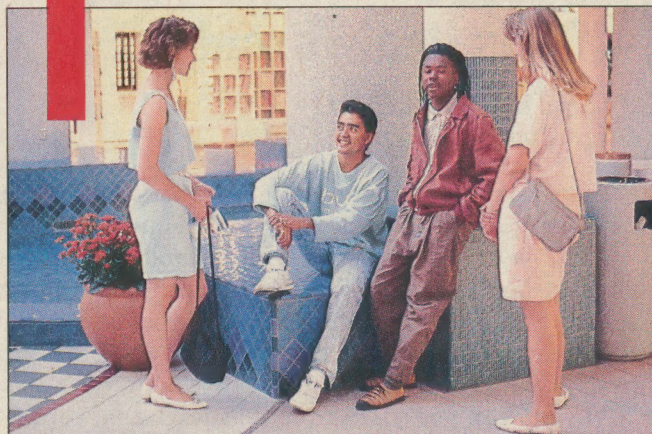
In the next 24 hours, another 60 Americans may die from AIDS. Within a year, AIDS will be the leading cause of death for all U.S. males between 25 and 44 years old, say some experts.

Next week, roughly 750 Americans will become infected with the AIDS virus. Already, between 4 and 7 of every 1,000 U.S. adults are infected, say experts.

But among teenagers, infection with the AIDS virus is even more widespread, say researchers.

In high-risk areas like New York City and Miami, an average of 10 out of every 1,000 boys and girls 15 and 16 years old are infected with the AIDS virus. For 19-year-olds, perhaps 20 to 25 of every 1,000 are infected, according to a national study of patients admitted to hospitals for non-drug-related reasons.

Even in areas where AIDS is rare, an average of 3 in every 1,000 children 15 and 16 years old have the virus. And by age 19, perhaps between 6 and 8 in



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Teenagers are the new high-risk group for contracting the AIDS virus, according to many researchers.

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And the disease appears to be spreading two or three times faster among teenagers than it is spreading among adults, say experts. One reason for the rapid spread among teens is that many of them are starting to have sex without having been taught—or convinced—to have safe sex, says a top health expert.

Hopes for Cure, Vaccine

Researchers are looking for ways to end the AIDS epidemic. One way is to develop medicines that can stop the development of the virus in infected people. The most promising medicine so far is called AZT.

AZT seems to prolong the lives of people with AIDS. It may also delay the development of symptoms in people infected with the AIDS virus. But, warn doctors, AZT is not a cure. No cure is in sight.

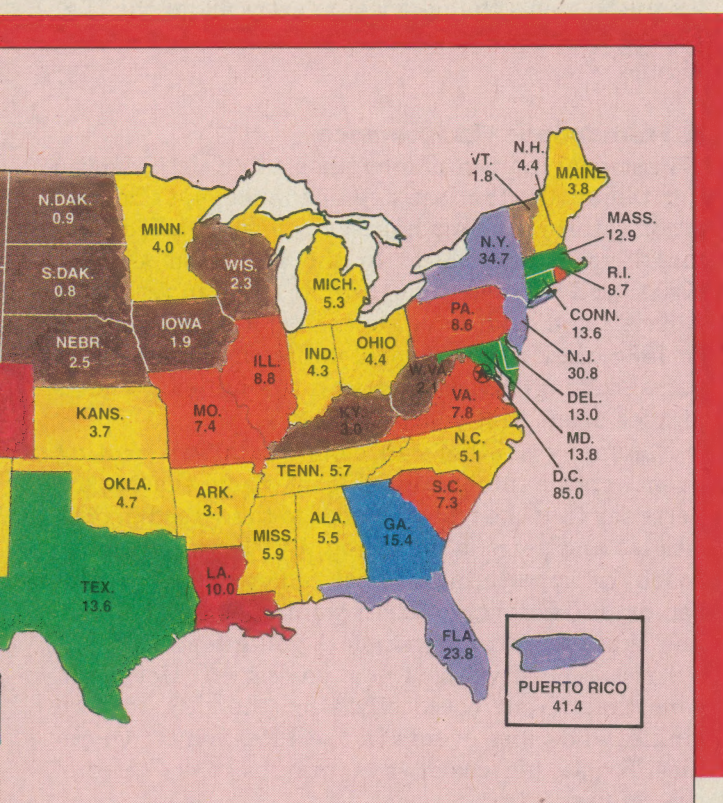
Another way to end AIDS is to develop a vaccine to prevent people from contracting the disease. A major step was taken in this direction recently by a medical team of nine women researchers at Tulane University Medical Center in New Orleans, La.

The researchers injected dead AIDS viruses into monkeys. A month later, the monkeys were injected with one kind of AIDS virus that affects monkeys. The vaccine appears to have protected the monkeys.

Researchers warn, however, that it may take 10 to 20 years to develop a safe vaccine for humans.

What this means for the average school kid is this: Today, AIDS is fatal. There is no cure. There is no vaccine. If a cure or vaccine is developed, it might come in time to help your children, but not you, says C. Everett Koop, the former U.S. Surgeon General.

"For now, the only way to avoid AIDS is to avoid all sexual contact and the sharing of needles with other people. For people who can't—or won't—avoid sexual contact, they should know the health and previous behavior of their sexual partners, and they should take proper precautions," says Koop.



Weekly Reader map by Joe Camicelli

AIDS Is Real Threat

By Leon Rosenberg, Ph.D.
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Have you heard the latest news about AIDS? The number of AIDS cases among adolescents is going up.

AIDS is a terribly serious killer, and it's striking normal, healthy kids. You don't have to be a homosexual or a drug-addict who shares needles. You can be an honest, good student who never gets into trouble.

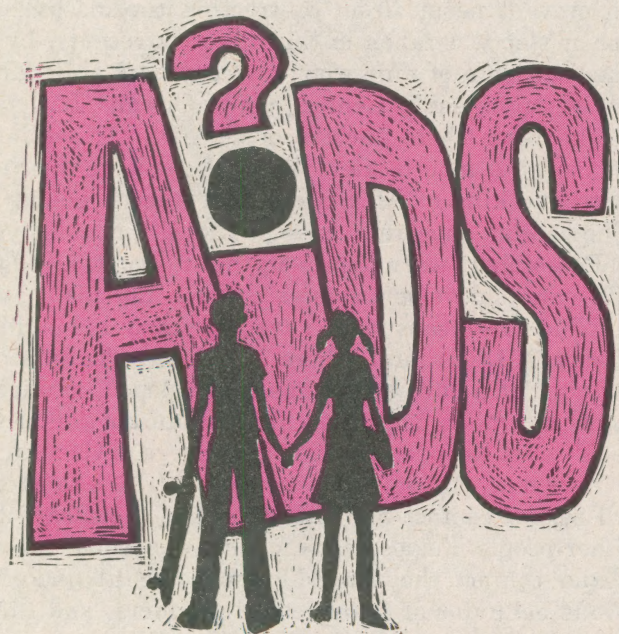
Anyone can get AIDS from normal sexual contact. A person can be carrying the AIDS virus and transfer it to a partner without knowing it.

Sex is part of growing up. You learn about it from your parents, school courses, books, or friends. And you learn what's right and wrong about sexual decisions from your parents and family values.

With AIDS, you also need accurate information to protect yourself. Start with your school nurse or family doctor. Ask questions. Ask until you understand about AIDS and how it can hurt you. Your doctor may be the best person to give you current information.

But you need more than medical information about sex. Talk to your parents about how to deal with it. If you discuss these issues now, you'll be ready to handle them well when you are older.

REMEMBER: AIDS is a very real threat to you and your friends. You need accurate information from someone like your doctor. And you need help from your parents to make the sexual decision growing kids have to make.. Ask questions, now!



— Weekly Reader art by Dave Shultz



— Reuters/Bettmann Newsphoto

New Skating Star

On the street, it would be easy to overlook Kristi Yamaguchi. She is a little under 5 feet tall and weighs less than 100 pounds.

But in an ice-skating rink, Kristi commands attention. Her tiny body speeds around the rink, then explodes upward in dizzying triple jumps.

Kristi, 18, could be one of the best American skaters ever, say skating experts. Kristi plans to skate for the women's championship next week at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Salt Lake City, Utah.

A Tremendous Performance

Last year at the championships, Kristi showed her talent. On the last day of the women's competition, after only four hours' sleep, she moved from fourth to second place. In the pairs competition, Kristi and partner Rudi Galindo came in first.

Kristi and Rudi have won some other big events. In 1988, they won the world junior championship in pairs skating. Kristi also won the junior women's singles event that year.

Not many skaters can compete in two skating events on the international level. Some skating experts say that the training needed to succeed in both singles and pairs is too tiring. But Kristi, says her coach, is "superhuman." Last year, as a high school senior in California, Kristi would get up at 4 a.m. and skate for five hours before going to school.

Kristi's hard work is now paying off. Her coach says that Kristi could skate for the U.S. in both singles and pairs events in the 1992 Winter Olympics. Kristi, her coach says, may be "the skater of the century."

A New 'Annie' Takes the Stage

Almost 400 young girls tried out for a part in a new play a few months ago. In New York City, Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles, the girls sang and tap danced and tried not to be nervous.

But of all those girls, only one will be singing and dancing on a Broadway stage on March 1.

That girl is 11-year-old Danielle Findley, and she'll be playing Annie in the new musical, *Annie 2*. *Annie 2* is a sequel to the hit musical *Annie*, which played on Broadway for almost six years.

The character of Annie comes from a comic strip called "Little Orphan Annie." Annie has a dog named Sandy and a rich friend named Daddy Warbucks. In 1977, the producers of the play *Annie* took these character and put them in a musical. Now *Annie 2* is ready to run.

The Right Talents

When the producers decided to do *Annie 2*, they needed an actress with special qualities to play An-



—Richard Drew/AP

Danielle Findley and her co-star Beau prepare for the play, *Annie 2*.

nie. She had to be able to sing, act, and dance very well. She had to have lots of energy. And, because one of her co-stars would be a pooch, she had to like dogs a lot! Danielle seemed to fill all those needs.

Danielle is from Lee's Summit, Mo., but she's no stranger to the New York stage. She's already been the understudy—a replacement for the star—for a role in one play. Before coming to New York, Danielle acted with local theaters in Missouri.

Although Danielle had most of the qualities needed to play Annie, she was missing one thing: Annie's famous curly red hair. To really become Annie, Danielle will wear a wig on opening night.

Senior Sleuths

Senior Sleuths Joe and Vicki meet Chief Henderson at the Sleepsease Motel.

"Sleuths, I got a call from Bud Outt, the owner of this motel," the Chief says. "A guest claims she was robbed in her room, and now she wants to sue."

The Sleuths meet the victim, Mrs. Uoweme.

"Tell us what happened," Joe says.

"It was awful," Mrs. Uoweme says. "A man with a ski mask came up behind me as I was going into my room. He grabbed my purse—it contained every cent I have—pushed me into the room, and ran."

"What did you do then?" Vicki asks.

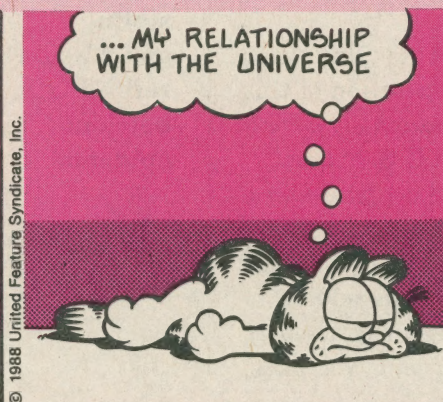
"I went to the window. I could see him about 50 yards away, running across the parking lot. He had brown hair and a big scar on his cheek. I was so upset, but I still managed to go to the pay phone in my room and call my husband. And my attorney. I'm going to sue"

"Chief, tell Mr. Outt to forget about a lawsuit," Joe says. "Mrs. Uoweme's story is full of holes."

Why does Joe doubt the victim's story?

Garfield

by Jim Davis



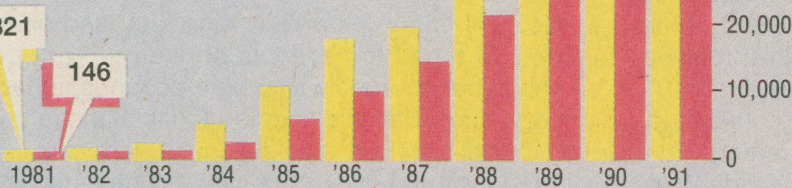
Tracking a Killer

Cases Discovered Per Year

Total cases expected to be discovered by 1991: 270,000

Deaths per Year

Total number of deaths expected by 1991: 179,000



*estimate

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control

Graph Reading

Study the graph at left. Then mark T before each true statement and F before each false statement.

1. In 1981, there were 321 cases of AIDS in the U.S.
2. In 1990, there are expected to be about 58,000 U.S. AIDS cases.
3. The number of AIDS cases is decreasing.
4. By 1991, AIDS will have struck a total of about 270,000 Americans.
5. By 1989, nearly 30,000 Americans had died because of AIDS.
6. In 1991, the total number of Americans to have died because of AIDS is expected to be 179,000.

Weekly Reader graph by Bob Italiano

News Comprehension

Complete the following sentences by underlining the correct word or words.

1. (*Terrorists, Freezing weather, Plane crashes*) have chipped away at the Mount Rushmore faces.
2. The likeness of (*John Kennedy, Franklin Roosevelt, Theodore Roosevelt*) is on Mount Rushmore.
3. In a national poll conducted by *Parade* magazine, most people said that they wanted ("*The Star-Spangled Banner*," "*America, the Beautiful*," "*God Bless America*") as the national anthem.
4. GRAMPA-COPS is a group of former law officers teaching kids about (*exercise, drug abuse, AIDS*).
5. Teresa Smith gave part of her (*liver, heart, lung*) to save her daughter.
6. The surgery on Mrs. Smith and her daughter Alyssa was the first transplant operation of this organ from a (*dead mother to a daughter, from a dead donor, from a live donor*) in U.S. history.
7. The new high-risk group for AIDS is (*drug-users, motorists, teenagers*).
8. Among teenagers, infection with the AIDS virus is (*less, more*) widespread than among adults.
9. AIDS is spread through sharing drug needles with an infected person, and (*kissing, hugging,*

having sexual contact with) an infected person.

10. A total of about (*100,000; 1 million to 1.5 million; 10 million*) Americans are infected with the AIDS virus, say experts.

News Vocabulary

Beside each word in the column at left, write the letter of its definition.

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| memorial _____ | a. a person who has ended his or her career |
| fault _____ | b. to act as a friend to |
| anthem _____ | c. a lack of something |
| contract _____ | d. an outbreak or sudden rapid spread of a disease |
| deficiency _____ | e. a monument; something that keeps a memory alive |
| sibling _____ | f. the process of moving blood from one person to another |
| transfusion _____ | g. one of two or more children of a common parent |
| retiree _____ | h. a song of praise or gladness |
| befriend _____ | i. catch or obtain |
| epidemic _____ | j. a crack, fracture, or weakness |